(iii) Demands stayed by courts, Settlement Commission, Tribunal and I.T. Authorities.

(iv) Demands for which instalments have been granted.

Various actions prescribed under the Income-tax. Act e.g. attachement of movable and immovable properties of defaulters, prosecution, imposition of penalties, detention in prision, appointment of receiver for management of defaulters, properties, are taken for recovery of the outstanding demand. Besides, various steps arc taken to effect recovery of demand including grant of instalments and where issues arc locked up in appeal, appellate authorities are requested to dispose off the appeals expeditiously.

Aireraft for Gleet Exopansion of Air India

2566. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chosen the aircraft for fleet expansion of Air India; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Air India has plans for renewal and expansion of its fleet during the Ninth Plan Period. Accordingly Air India has inducted 2 more B747-400 aircraft in its fleet during October/November, 1996. The proposal for acquisition of Medium Capacity Long Range (MCLR) aircraft by Air India, is at present under consideration of a Sub-committee of the Board of Air India Limited.

Steps for Starting Bengali Local News From Silchar Doordarshan Kendra

2567. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government arc not taking steps to ensure starting of Bengali Local News from Silchar Doordarshan Kendra;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; whether Government are aware that Bengali is the official language for erstwhile Cachar district(Barak Valley districts of Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi of Assam); and

(c) whether Government arc also aware that the Public mind is highly agitated over this issue as eleven martyres have laid down their lives for this Bengali language?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) Due to constraints of manpower and other infrastructural facilities, it is not possible to start Bengali news from Doordarshan Kendra, Silchar at present.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

दूरदर्शन और आकाशवाणी में भारतीय सूचना सेवा की भूमिका

2568. श्री अजीत जोगी: क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) भारतीय सूचना सेवा ग्रुप "ए" के संवर्ग के कितने लोग हैं;

(ख) दूरदर्शन और आकाशवाणी में भारतीय सूचना सेवा के सर्विस अधिकारियों की भूमिका क्या है;

(ग) उनकी नियुक्ति किस प्रकार होती है;

(घ) क्या सरकार का विचार उनकी सेवा शर्तों को बेहतर बनाने का है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री सी॰ एम॰ इब्राहीम): (क) भारतीय सूचना सेवा, समूह "क" की विभिन्न श्रेणियों में अधिकारियों/कर्मचारियों की कुल स्वीकृत संख्या 493 है।

(ख) ये अधिकारी सामान्यतया सार्वजनिक सूचना को एकत्र करने, संसाधित करने तथा उसके प्रचार-प्रसार के लिए उत्तरदायी होते हैं।

(ग) इस संवर्ग में विभिन्न पदों के लिए भर्ती अधिसूचित भारतीय सूचना सेवा, वर्ग "क" के भर्ती नियमों के प्रावधानों के अनुसार की जाती है। आकाशवाणी तथा दूरदर्शन के कुछ पद उपरोक्त संवर्ग के अधिकारियों/कर्मचारियों की संख्या का एक भाग है। जब भी रिक्तियां होती हैं तो अधिकारियों को इस पद के स्तर हेतु उनकी उपयुक्तता पर विचार करते हुए इन पदों पर तैनात किया जाता है।

(घ) और (ङ) भारतीय सूचना सेवा, वर्ग "क" की सेवा शर्तें केन्द्रीय सरकार के अन्य कर्मचारियों के समान होती हैं जिनकी केन्द्रीय वेतन आयोग, संवर्ग समीक्षा समिति आदि, जैसे विशेषज्ञ निकायों द्वारा समय-समय पर समीक्षा की जाती है।

Establishment of Dwarka High Power Transmitter

2569. SHRI BANGARU LAX MAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD CASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat had requested for earlier sanction for the construction and establishment of transmitter and Tower at new site selected for Dwarka High Power Transmitter;

(b) by when the decision will be taken in the matter and work completed;

(c) whether Government have decided to drop the proposal of F.M.;

(d) whether State-Government of Gujarat has proposed for the establishment of F.M. Radio station and a H.P.T. Station in July, 1996; and

(e) whether Government have decided to include this in the next Five Year Plan.

THE MINISTER Of CIVIL AVIATION AND M1N1STBB OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) A new site far locating the High Power TV Transmitter (HPT) at Dwarka in Gujarat has since been taken over. The project is expected to be completed in about 3 years time, after approval by the competent authority, subject to availability of funds, infrastructural facilities and inter-se priorities.

(c) There is no approved scheme for setting up of FM Radio Station at Dwarka.

(d) and (c) No, Sir.

Disparity of fee between casual F.M. channel presenters etc. and aunounccrs of Doordarshan

2570. SHRI RANBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fee for Casual Announcers for Channels A.B. CBS and others has not been revised since 1991-92;

(b) whether there is disparity of fee between Casual F.M. Channel Presenters, Announcers with Newsreaders, sports roundups, drama artists and Announcers of Doordarshan;

(c) whether there is a move to induct Senior Announcers as F.M. Presenters without consideration of age and to remove the ceiling of six programmes per announcer per month; and

(d) whether Government propose to remove the anomaly of fee for Casual Announcers of A, B, CBS and other Channels with F.M. Presenters and Doordarshan; and if not the reasons therefor?